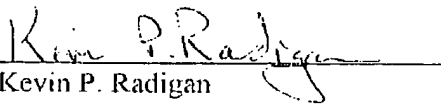


**Remarks**

As noted, this Amendment is submitted to facilitate allowance of all claims pending in the application. Upon entrance of this Amendment, claims 1, 3-4, 9-11, 15-18, 21-22, 27, 29-30, 35-37, 41-44, 47-48, 53, 55-56, 58, 60-61, 66-68, 70, 72-75 and 78-79 will remain pending. The Amendments submitted were verbally indicated by the Examiner to place the application in condition for allowance during the telephone interview of December 23, 2004. Should this be inaccurate, the Examiner is requested to not enter the Amendment and to allow the Appeal process continue.

Applicants' undersigned attorney is available should the Examiner wish to discuss this application further. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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